

Peterborough Parish Council Liaison Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting
Held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday 8th March 2023 Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Hosted by Good Neighbours Rural Peterborough CIO

Present:

Cllr Ishfaq Hussain		Sub Chair Parish Liaison Group
Cllr		
Cllr Keith Lievesley		Ufford Parish Council & Vice Chair Parish Liaison Working Group
Cllr John Bradshaw		Wittering Parish Council
Cllr Susie Lucas		Bainton & Ashton Parish Council
Cllr Anne Perkins		Ailsworth Parish Council
Cllr Henry Clarke		Peakirk Parish Council
Cllr Irene Walsh		Bainton & Ashton Parish Council
Cllr David Shaw		Castor Parish Council
Cllr Alan Gasparutti		Bretton Parish Council
Cllr Richard Clarke		Wansford Parish Council
Vince Moon		Werrington Neighbourhood Council
Cllr Denis Batty		Glington Parish Council
Cllr Sue Welch		Marholm Parish Council
Cllr Steve Jackson		Glington Parish Council
Cllr Michael Samways		Ailsworth Parish Council
Cllr Margaret Palmer		Thorney Parish Council
Cllrs John & Judy Fox		Newborough Parish Council
Debbie Lines		Barnack Parish Council
Cllr Roland Pickett		Orton Waterville Parish Council
Cllr Irene Walsh		Bainton & Ashton Parish Council
John Haste		Clerk for Castor and Glington Parish Council
Cllr Chris Lester		Eye Parish Council
Cllr Denis Batty		Glington Parish Council
Tom Kelly		Armed Forces Covenant
Jim Newton		Interim Director PCC Planning & Control
Cate Harding		Good Neighbours-Rural Peterborough
Matt Oliver		Head of Service Think Communities PCC

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from, June Bull Orton Longueville, , Jane Hill & Phil Thompson Deeping Gate, and Northborough, Parish Council

2 Minutes of the Parish Council Liaison Meeting held 9th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting we agreed as a true and accurate record

3.Planning Department Update including questions and answers with Jim Newton,

The Chair welcomed Jim Newton, the Interim Assistant Director for Planning and Building Control at Peterborough City Council.

3.1 Implementation of the departmental review is complete and included:

- structural review
- Commercial awareness
- Outcome focus

The new structure is now available with a single head of planning focusing on

- Planning policy
- Building natural environment – Conservation

3.2 The Planning policy covers planning and enforcement and shares the expectations expectation of what can be done and when.

Planning and enforcement draft is ready and based on prioritising categories in terms of attention and response: Category 1 means severe and will be looked on urgent basis and category-3 is less important/ urgent might longer processing time.

A triage process is in place at the outset for the in the beginning of the process is implemented to ensure if the case is being registered and file is being opened or not. It depends on the categories at Planning commission. Open files of breach for the cases which are not closed – Those open in limbo will be reviewed and action will be taken if this file needs to move to next level to planning commission or can be closed.

The review has moved the team close to the planning application team and major/large projects will be dealt by a major team and general/small projects will be dealt by general team. Both the teams will be working together and communicating for better understanding at backend.

We are considering about endorsement level and we need our own elected members at PCC planning commission. An election is coming and so there will be no new policy will be implemented soon. In next 6 months we should be publishing new planning enforcement policy and decisions

3.3 Q&A

From 1st of April there will be a budget for the new local plan

Phase 1- anyone interested with/without land and would like to propose the usages of the land for the site assessment.

Planning policy team will be back in house and that means no service level agreements will continue with any other councils from 1st of April onwards. Previously, offices were paid to do the work for other councils and so there was insufficient capacity to complete their own work.

Local Plan: There are no fixed ideas for the local plan yet. Reforms are going on in central government proposing that the Local plan is the king and the Neighbourhood plan is part of the local plan. Neighbourhood and Local plans are statutory development plans. Neighbourhood plans should be consistent with local plan and need to be

reviewed at the similar time. If that does not happen, then it can lead to problems in future.

Parish Council should be aware of what people's aspirations are that can be addressed to PCC planning commission.

Government's Levelling up and Regeneration bill- Planning commission proposing fee increase of 35% on major and 25% on others. That means Cost will go higher.

Employment land information requested. Data is not available right now with council. Independent informal data is available but not reliable however narrative is clear.

Question– What about the charge of the land if file open no decision taken by planning commission, in future if the land is sold then seller will be charged.

A structure chart is in progress.

Update- At present there is a national shortage of planners and local authority planners mainly policy planners.

Service level agreements- if planning commission can work with the parish liaison Parish Liaison Group then issues can be better understood/resolved.

Service level agreement is related to planning policy not planning application.

PCC has been proactive with planning and policy work notifying parish councils of decision and changes.

On the enforcement idea- it would be useful while making decisions if PCC must ask/inform/ consult parish council

Local plan- PCC need more employment land, housing land/housing target. PCC needs a new housing strategy- as there have not been enough conversations about housing target yet. This is work in progress. PCC needs reasonable housing development strategy for its resident's need, of housing, employment, and other support system for cohesive growth and development.

Employment land strategy- We need better blend of employment opportunity; University will play a key role building more skills and employment opportunities. We need more opportunity for mass employment for local people. Drawing a wage standard for its residents. Skills strategy will focus on right people for right

2. Presentation from Tom Kelly, Arm forces covering officer at PCC for Peterborough & Cambridgeshire

The Armed Forces Covenant has two principals – to remove disadvantage and give special treatment for injured or bruised. Tommy has been engaging with parish councils regarding their support for signing the Covenant

The plan is to have 50 organisations involved, demonstrate commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant who are aware of support and activities serving personel. Veterans & their families

According the to census, there are 6902 veterans in Peterborough. Armed forces face many issues are not always familiar with civilian systems and that can be stressful. Service people's physical and mental health is always at risk. Some conscious steps can be taken such as awareness and supporting the arm forces community events,

being arm forces friendly in terms of customer supplies & linkages, promoting their events and showing support by signing up.

Parish Laisson Group can be organised every 6 months to discuss how the council is working towards supporting arm forces in their proposed plans. 4 parish council have already signed up for this.

3. Parish Council Liaison Working Group update

5.1

5.2 Henry Clark advised that member nomination committee

Parish councillors are members of co-opted committee.

The objective is to scrutinise emerging policies and contribute to and from background/the meeting with the PLG Working Group

Parish Councillors will be invited to express the interest in consideration for scrutiny committee- two members from each parish council will be appointed.

Shaping the future of the cities mainly focusing on 4 aspects:

- Children & education
- Environment and climate change
- Adults and health
- Growth resources & communities

Keeping the focus on rural and urban parishes is crucial and important. to

All the Parish clerks will receive the information with details of the nomination process. All nominees will be informed of the outcome in July 2023.

5.3 The Climate Change Summit will be held 29th of March Zoom call 10-1.30 with the agenda as:

Welcome note

PPC presentation

Steven Oliver presentation (PBO cathedral architect)

PECT presentation on 20 steps

Biodiversity groups

City council housing on local energy

City council climate change officer presentation

Q&A session

4. Update from city council

Matt Oliver updated on the Community Asset transfer Plans. The council are now looking to work within the volunteering sector to make it more effective. Nine organisations have completed. Some centres did not even start after COVID. Some centres will go under PCC control.

7. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday March 5th July 2023. 6:30pm via Zoom